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Bank Of America Opens In Menlo Park

Monday Morning To See New Banking Office In Full Swing

Open House To Be Held Saturday Night---Most Modern Service

Another milestone in the business development of Menlo Park will be marked next Monday when the Menlo Park Branch of the Bank of America will be opened for business.

The new branch, located next door to the Post Office, in the heart of the Menlo Park business district, will be opened for inspection Saturday evening, when the public will be given an opportunity to see the safe deposit vault, new banking equipment and the modern lighting and decorative treatment.

Host at the open house Saturday evening will be L. L. Johnston, Assistant Cashier, who will be in charge of the new branch. He will be assisted by representatives of the main office of the Bank of America in San Francisco and officers from other peninsula branches.

Mr. Johnston is already well known throughout the Menlo Park area, having made his home for the past year in North Fair Oaks, where for over ten years he has had a summer place. He arrived in Menlo Park yesterday to supervise final details of the bank's opening and to make the acquaintance of local business men.

Mr. Johnston has up to the present time been Assistant Cashier at the West Portal Branch of the Bank of America in San Francisco and is a former president of the San Francisco Bank America Club, composed of staff members in the bank's San Francisco branches. He is the nephew of Warden James J. Johnston of Alcatraz Prison.

President L. M. Giannini of the Bank of America, in commenting on the opening of the Menlo Park Branch said:

"The opening of the Menlo Park Branch is in accord with the Bank of America's policy of rounding out its statewide banking service to include those communities which are stepping forward with the times.

"That policy includes making each branch an integral part of its community and extending all the conveniences of a metropolitan banking service."

To Mr. Johnston, the assignment to the Menlo Park Branch comes as a welcome opportunity to identify himself with a community whose charm as a residential section has already caused him to make his home in the vicinity.

"I feel I am no stranger to Menlo Park," he said, "and am happy indeed with the opportunity to be placed in a position to help in the development of this entire section. To the public generally I extend a cordial invitation to come in and get acquainted with our attractive new quarters on Saturday evening, or at any time during business hours after we start business next Monday."

With the opening of the new branch, Menlo Park becomes associated with the other 475 branches which the bank maintains throughout the state of California. In addition to the usual commercial savings and safe deposit services, the new branch will also specialize in home loans, automobile finance loans, timeplan personal loans and other services which retail, as well as wholesale, credit.

Total resources of the bank on December 31, 1936, stood at $1,430,300,000.

Mr and Mrs. E. F. Prine, formerly of 627 Emerson street, Palo Alto, with their young son, have rented the Newman apartment on Roble avenue.

The Merit System Versus Spoils

By RAYMOND PITCAIRN
National Chairman Sentinels of the Republic

Increased efficiency in all governmental activities.

Economy for the taxpayer.

Purposeful careers for public employes.

Elimination of the Spoils System.

These are a few of the goals sought by increasing numbers of taxpaying citizens who demand that the Civil Service or Merit System, now in partial effect, replace the Spoils System in all but the topmost federal jobs.

America can achieve these benefits—if Congress does its part. The way is open.

A White House message has urged expansion of Civil Service to include all employes except Secretaries, Under-Secretaries and those in similar policy-making offices. Several members of Congress have introduced measures to hasten extension of the Merit System idea.

But will they be put into effect? That's a different question.

Heavy political barricades must first be overcome. For a complete application of the Merit System would strip politicians of their greatest asset—the **control and doling out of jobs.** Naturally many politicians will oppose it. Naturally they will fight any step which extends the policy of selecting public servants on the basis of how well they can do their work instead of the basis of how many votes they can deliver for the politicians on Election Day.

There stands the basic issue—whether the Federal payroll, which costs the taxpayers more than a billion dollars annually, shall be for the benefit of politicians who control appointments, or of the public who foot the bill.

It's up to Congress to decide. The choice should not be a difficult one.

"Bruce's 5 And 10" Proves Popular Store

With the opening last Saturday of "Bruce's 5 & 10" Menlo Park welcomed another addition to its business district, and a much prized and needed addition at that.

The new stoe stocks merchandise which is usuall found in a five and ten in the larged cities and Mr. Bruce has an unusually large line of first class goods, ranging from a rubber band to electrical supplies and stationary, on hand.

The store, located in the Maloney Building on the Highway is beautifully fitted up, the fixtures all being of special construction, to fit the purpose for which they serve. The goods, all fresh and new, are tastefully arranged for the proper display, and all in all the store is worthy of a metropolitan setting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, who have had many years experience in this type of merchandising, have moved to this city to make their home and are ardent boosters of Menlo Park.

While, according to Mr. Bruie, it is too early to get a definite idea of the trend of business, the new store has received its share of business for a start.

The public is cordially invited to inspect the new store, look over its stock and prices, and are assured a courteous service, and the prices are right.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL TO CLOSE FOR WEEK ON ACCOUNT OF FLU EPIDEMIC HERE

According to a report eceived from Principal W. S. Bower of the local grammar schools the School Trustees have determined to closed the schools for one week beginning February first, owing to the severe epidemic of colds and flu.

President's Ball To Draw Local Crowd

Eaery detail of the arrangements for the fourth annual President's Birthday Ball at Tanforan Club hohse, San Bruno, tomorrow (Saturday) night was complete today with an expected attendance of over 2000 couples forcast for the tfftir.

In Menlo Park, under direction of Postmaster Harry B. Morey, ticket sales have been so successful that more than 200 persons from here were expected to attend the ball.

Assisting Morey in directing local participation in the affair are Fire Chief Thomas Cuff, Police Chief Henry Carroll, City Attorney James T. O'Keefe, Dr. E. S. Gerlough, Mrs. C. A. Devol, Mrs. J. Avery Smith, Mrs. Isabelle Lindquist, Mrs. F. S. Marshall and Mrs. P. E. Bush.

As a member of the county-wide committee of arrangements, Postmaster Morey has been attendig meetings to plan the affair at San Mateo City Hall. Everything possible has been arranged to make the event a great success, he declared.

Joseph V. Gaffey, postmaster at Burlingame, and general chairman of the ball this year, predicted the event would "be the grandest affair of its nature in the history of San Mateo county." Gaffey outlined plans as follows:

"The committee of arrangements reports everything in shape to the last detail. The hall is elaborately decorated under auspices of the American Legion and is adequately haeted. The dance floor is reported in perfect shape.

"To add to the affair we have secured the services of a man who has always assisted in every worthy cause and who has the ability to provide hilarious entertainment — Joseph Cuneo, who has been chosen master of ceremonies.

"The floor show promises to be a feature which alone will be well worth the admission price of 75 cents. The show, as regards novelties, will be something never rivaled on the Peninsula in any affair.

"Plans are completed, also, to award $50 to someone holding a dance ticket. Several birthday cakes donated by prominent merchants and bakers throughout the county, will be given away during the evening."

Seventy per cent of the proceeds will remain in San Mateo county, going to Community Hospital to be used in the fight against infantile paralysis. County supervisors this week unanimously endorsed the county-wide ball and urged all possible support of the enterprise.

Dr. E. W. Cleary, San Mateo county bone surgeon-specialist and recognized as an authority on infantile paralysis, has urged all persons to aid the worthy cause by attending the ball.

CARDS—DUTCH WHIST

Cards and Dutch Whist will feature this evening's entertainment at the home of Mrs. C. A. Devol on Santa Cruz avenue. Score cards will be 35 cents and refreshments will be served.

This card party will be sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit of Menlo Park who ask the public's patronage. There are many demands for aid at this time; food, fuel, clothing are needed in many places and th eunit is trying to help supply the needy. Those who cannot attend but have articles that they can donate are asked to assist in this relief work.

Miss Marjorie Bradley of San Jose, spent the past three days as the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Harris, in this city.

Odd Fellows Install Officers For Term

District Deputy Grand Master A. P. Whitehead of District No. 44, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his installing staff, escorted by Canton Peninsula, No. 17, Thursday night of last week installed the following officers of Live Oak Lodge No. 171, I. O. O. F., of Palo Alto.

Acting Past Grand, A. E. Corkran.
Noble Grand, J. A. Miller.
Vice Grand, L. A. Weichselfelder.
Recording Secretary Roy H Heald.
Financial Secretary, U. A. Schall
Treasurer, John R. Shuford.
Warden, Archie Herrington.
Conductor, R. H. Caldwell.
Outside Guardian, M. C. Deal.
Inside Guardion, Fred Roiter.
Right Supporter to Noble Grand, V. P. Lacosto.
Left Supporter to Noble Grand, W. A. Carnduff.
Right Supporter to Vice Grand, J. D. Brannaman.
Left Supporten to Vice Grand, Thos W. Camp.
Right Scene Supporter, W. U. Brown.
Left Scene Supporter, D. W. Slade.
Chaplain, John Hagerty.
Trustee for eighteen months, W. M. Connor.

A. E. Corkran was appointed musician for the coming term.

The meeting was well attended by local members as well asrepresentatives of the various lodges in this district.

Following the business session and installation ceremonies those in attendance adjourned to the banquet room where refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

Live Oak Lodge of Palo Alto is one of the finest fraternal organizations on the peninsula and is in a very flourishing condition at this time. It numbers several local people among its members.

Grammar School Graduates Class Of Nine

At graduating exercises held in the auditorium of the local grammar school, nine of Menlo Park's finest boys and girls, completed the course of study prescribed for them in the elementary school and will go on to high school.

The program rendered was one of the best ever staged in the local auditorium and reflected great credit on those taking part, as well as on the faculty, who have spent much time in its preparation.

The program opened with a selection by the school orchestra and was followed by an address of welcome by Fraces Rosso.

One of the features of the program was the presentation of the Awards by Mr. Floyd Beach in behalf of the Americanism committee of the local American Legion Post.

John W. Morey, clerk of the Menlo Park Grammar School District, presented the diplomas to the nine graduates, with his usual smile and cheerful word of encouragement to all.

Those receiving their diplomas and the Legion Award were:

MAY CHUCK
WILFRED HALL
EUGENE LENCIONI
ROGELIO ORTEZ
CHARMIEN PURDY
FRANCES ROSSO
ABBY G. STEWART
DOROTHY TAKAHASHI
MARGARET E. TORRENCE

RECIPIENTS OF AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS

MAY CHUCK
EUGENE LENCIONI

A play entitled "Lantern Light" was also a feature of the program and reflected much credit on the youthful actors.

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Council Donates To Flood Relief Fund

Present at the meeting of the city council ast Tuesday night were Councilmen Carroll, Cooper and Lusk, with Dunn and Welsh absent.

Attorney Jame T. O'Keefe, Jr. was also absent on account of illness.

Police Commissioner Henry Carroll stated that due to an epidemic of "flu" three of the city's police officers were, and asked that the council approve the appointment of Frank P. Roach to work out the rest of the month at $6 per day. The request of Mr. Carroll was granted.

City Treasurer, Mrs. Maloney, asked about removing the city's funds from the American Trust Company's bank which had moved to Redwood City, and placing them in the Menlo Park Branch of the Bank of America, which will open its doors on Monday next.

Councilman Carroll moved to direct the mayor, treasurer and clerk to prepare to transfer all of the city's funds from the American Trust Company to the Bank of America as soon after the opening of the new bank in Menlo Park as can conveniently be done. The motion was seconded by Lusk and passed unanimously.

The clerk was then instructed to order new demand and warrant blanks printed, bearing the name of the Bank of America.

On motion of Carroll and Lusk the council donated $25 to the Red Cross for emergency relief.

According to the report of the treasurer the city has received from coonty taxes for the street improvement districts $11,502.33 and general taxes $4,888.24, which is the first installment.

Following the ordering of several small emergency jobs of street work done the council adjourned to February 9th.

"Sunshine Market" Will Open Doors Tomorrow

Tomorrow (Saturday) morning will witness another addition to the rapidly growing business circle of Menlo Park, when the **"Sunshine Market"** will make its bow to the public at 729 Santa Cruz avenue, corner of Chestnut street.

The new market will be under the able management and direction of Mr. U. R. Iwwerks, formerly owner of the City Market Grocery. Mr. Iwwerks is well known in this city and has many friends who will be more than glad to know that he is again joining the business community of Menlo Park.

The "Sunshine Market" will carry a full line of standard brands of graceries, and fresh fruits and vegetables. This fine line of goods will be offered to the public at the lowest possible cash and carry price, consistent with the high quality of the merchandise carried in stock.

DANCE FOR FLOOD RELIEF SPONSORED BY LEGION POST

Sponsored by the American Legion Post and Auxiliary No. 443, to assist the Menlo Park Unit of the National Red Cross in raising funds to be used for relief work in the flooded areas a dance will be given at the Bloo Mon Dance Hall, on Live Oak Avenue on February 8th.

B. J. Flanigan is now with the Crystal Barber Shop. Mr. Flanigan is an expert barber and will be a big addition to the city's residents.

Local Red Cross Asks Relief Funds

The American Red Cross is appealing for contributions to help the thousands of refugees in the flooded areas in eleven states. These people are homeless, hungry, many of them ill, and nearly all have lost everything they owned

Menlo Park Branch of the American Red Cross is arranging a series of entertainments to raise funds. These will be given by the P. T. A.'s of the local schools, Mothers' Club of St. Josephs School and by fraternal organizations of the city.

The American Legion Auxiliary, Menlo Park Unit No. 443, is having a card party at Mrs. Devol's home on Santa Cruz avenue and Lemon avenue, on Thursday evening, February 4th, and a large attendance is hoped for.

Donations to the Relief Fund may be sent to the following: .....

Mrs. Peter Bush, Chairman.
Mrs. Carroll Devol, vice-chairman.
Miss Meta Wolters, secretary-treasurer.
Fire Chief Thomas Suff.
Miss Meta Kugeler.

Make all checks payable to the American Red Cross.

It is to be hoped that the residents of Menlo Park and vicinity will respond generously to this most needed work at this time.

Amony the early and most noteworthy collections for the flood sufferers to date has been that from the veterans and Veterans Facility men in the sum of $190, which has been given to the Menlo Park Branch of the American Red Cross. These men have notified the local Red Cross authorities that there will be more money forthcoming on "pay-day."

The Veterans at the local Veterans Facility have again proved that no matter haw badly disabled they may be there are still veterans, still ready to sacrifice for those who are in need of their help. Menlo Park is proud of these men and will surely profit by their example.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES FOR COMING WEEK

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. with Superintendent John Heltzel in charge.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock at which time the Pastor, Rev. W. L. Staub will use as his theme "Solomon's Choice of Wisdom."

The Junior Chistian Endeavor will meet at this time in charge of Mrs. H. H. Bearce.

Christian Endeavor will convene at 6:30 p. m. in the Educational Building of the church and all young people of high school age are invited to joint in the service.

Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. The Geneal Assembly has set aside January 24 as "Young Peoples" day and the young people will have charge of the service this evening.

Both the Junior and Senior Societies will take part and there will be special music.

The Board of Trustees will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February second at 7:30 p. m., in the church.

RUMMAGE SALE OF LEGION AUXILIARY HUGE SUCCESS

The Rummage Sale held in the Bank Building of the American Trust Company at the corner of Santa Cruz avenue and the Highway, last Saturday, was very well patronized and a goodly sum realized.

The Junior Auxiliary had a space and conducted a sale of articles collected by them, which netted them several dollars for their organization.

After the sale a number of articles were given to needy persons.

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LET'S TELL THE WORLD ——

Gradually, like a vision of the lost isle Atlantis rising again out of the sea, there has been taking shape, over the past several months, a new island in the very middle of the San Francisco Bay.

A miracle? Perhaps. But it is a man made miracle. It is to be the site of the Golden Gate International Exposition, California's world fair of 1939. And already the great army dredges are three fourths through the job of stacking up 19,000,000 cubic yards of dirt dug from the depths to form what will be known as Exposition Island.

It is time for California to awaken to what a wondrous thing this fair is going to be. Not just Northern California or just the Bay Region. For the entire state will share in the building, and in the immeasurable benefits to come, just as it will in the Los Angeles world fair of 1942. If we pull together now, with our eye on 1939, we shall pave the way for the same kind of cooperation three year later.

Exposition Island, when completed, will have its 400 acres blanketed by a topsoil of rich black dirt and surrounded by a sea wall. Trees and luxurious shrubbery will be planted. Magnificent exhibit palaces will be built, and there will be a subway and a 350-foot tower. Then, as the exhibits begin to arrive, all the lands of the earth will sprout, on the island, in miniature. The whole thing will lie out there in the middle of the bay, a veritable fairyland in a world of fantasy.

Let California—all of California—awaken now to the wonders of this fair, and let us start telling the world about it.

TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER ——

When the mercury plummeted to new lows again last week, the weather rose to the top as a topic of conversation. That was all right. It was inevitable, and therefore to be borne in stoic silence.

However, it could not but deeply grieve a good many old timers to note the generally uncomplimentary tenor of the remarks. There was, in fact, an unconscionable amount of squawking. It is high time someone took up the gauntlet for that much maligned entity, The California Climate.

Now in the first place, that icy blast was "unusual" weather. In the second place, a little cold air once in a while is good for you anyway. In the third place, look at the pangs of nature the rest of the world is suffering.

Floods in the Midwest are driving thousands from their homes. Rain drenched the inaugural parade in Washington. Storms swept across Europe. It was 60 below in northern Alaska, and in southern Mexico they were worrying about what a sweltering summer they are going to have.

Yet here were a lot of us, complaining just because Mother Nature lifted the temperate blanket off California and let a little cold air in. And anyway, she was probably just using that blanket for a moment to brush the icicles off her own nose. Should we begrudge her that?

Joe Prein Showing New 1937 Line Of G. E. Refrigerators

Lower prices, new styling and advanced features of economy and convenience mark the 1937 General Electric refrigerators, which comprise the largest and most complete line the company has ever offered, according to Joe Prein of the Menlo Park Radio who has the new models on display.

Christened the "Triple Thrift" refrigerators, the new models offer lower price, ower operating cost and longer life, according to Prein. All models now carry the General Electric five year's performance warranty on the complete sealed-in-steel Thrift refrigerating unit.

Flat top models predominate in the new line, sizes ranging from four-foot cabinets to fifteen-foot cabinets, and they are offered in some sizes, in both porcelain or Glyptal enamel finishes. Monitor Top models are offered in six-foot and eight-foot cabinets, while a Liftop model also is available for small families or for auxiliary refrigeration services. In all the General Electric line comprises 18 household models.

Features include the Thriftometer, which shows the cabinet temperature at a glance; sliding top shelf, as well as other sliding shelves stainless steel Super-Freezer; new finger-tip door latch; automatic interior light; easily accessible temperature control and defrosting switch. Cabinet equipment varies with different models, some having vegetable pans, water bottles, bottle racks, egg racks, fruit baskets, matched covered dishes, flexible rubber ice cube trays and various accessories.

One important feature of the new models, from the view point of the user, is the fact that the sliding shelves are the full width of the cabinet, thus affording more usable storage space. This is a new idea in cabinet construction.

Freezing speed also has been accelerated. Four refrigerating services are offered—fast freezing, frozen storage, special compartment for vegetables and safe normal storage with natural air circulation that keeps the air conditioned and properly chilled in all sections of the cabinet.

Monitor Top models also have an auxiliary unrefrigerated storage drawer at the bottom of the cabinet.

Joe Prein of the Menlo Park Radio invites the public to call and see the new line of 1937 refrigerators which he now has on display.

Grammar School Graduation Program Proves Interesting

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Selections ..... Menlo Park School Orchestra

"A Hearty Welcome" ..... Frances Rosso

Presentation of Awards ..... Mr. Floyd Beach
Americanization Chairman—Post 443
American Legion

Piano Duet, "At Full Tilt" .....
..... Frances Rosso and Dorothy Takahashi

Address ..... Miss Camilla Low
Dean of Girls, Sequoia Union High School

Presentation of Diplomas ..... Mr. John W. Morey
Clerk of Board of Trustees

Selection ..... Orchestra

"Lantern Light"

CHARACTERS

June Morris, a Puritan Girl ..... Margaret Torrence
Prudence Noel, June's playmate ..... May Chuck
Patience Moore, June's playmate .... Dorothy Takahashi
Sir Richard Walton, an officer of the King .....
..... Eugene Lencioni
Granny Lee, a Quakeress accused of witchcraft .....
..... Frances Rosso
Firefly, Indian princess ..... Abby Stewart
Mistress Morris, June's mother ..... Charmien Purdy
John Cole, Governor ..... Rogelio Ortez
The Reverend Philips, the Governor's Assistant ....
..... Wilfred Hall

ACT I
Scene 1—The Edge of the Woods.
Scene 2—The same as Scene 1.
ACT II.
Scene 1—Granny Lee's Orchard.
Scene 2—Mistress Morris's Kitchen.
Scene 3—Granny Lee's Kitchen.
ACT III.
Scene 1—Interior of Town Hall.
Scene 2—Same as Scene 1.

Costumes and Stage Equipment were arranged by the Graduating Class

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

First Church of Christ Scientist, Bryant street and Forest avenue, Palo Alto. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

In all Christian Science churches, branches of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., a Lesson-Sermon will be read Sunday, January 31, on the subject "Love."

The Golden Text will be: "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest with singing" (Zeph. 3: 17). Bible selections will include the following passage from I John 4: 7, 8: "Beloved let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

A passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, will also be included, which reads as follows: "Mortals believe in a finite personal God; while God is infinite Love, which must be unlimited." (p. 312).

WHIST PARTY FEBRUARY 4

There will be a card party sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, assisted by the Post, at the home of Mrs. C. A. Devol on Santa Cruz avenue, the proceeds of which will be turned over to the Menlo Park Branch of the National Red Cross for the benefit of the flood sufferers. The card party will be held on February 4th.

The public is invited and score cards will be 25 cents.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Babley have rented the Heltzel Duplex apartment on Roble avenue.



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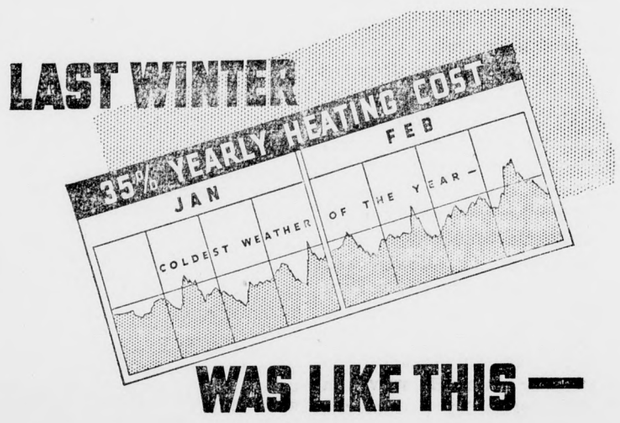


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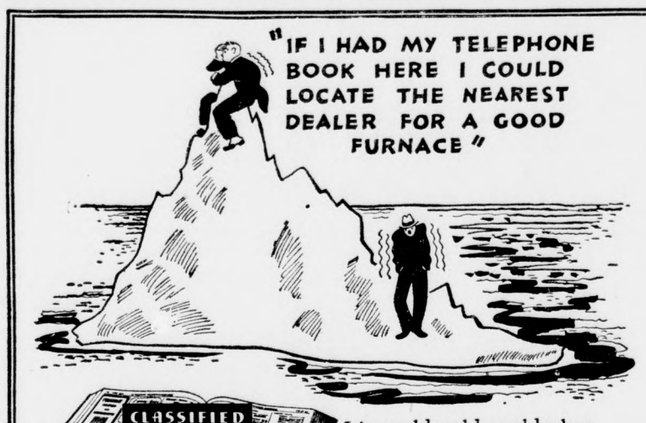
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The Legion On Parade

By THOMAS J. RIORDAN
State Commander American Legion

One hundred and fiftly momentous years have crowded into the pages of history since our American forefathers, fashioning the framework of the world's first Republic, drafted the United States Constitution.

And California, in common with every other State in the Nation, will commemorate the sesqicentennial of the framing of the constitution this year.

There will be patriotic observances in nearly every community with a new and needed stressing of the responsibilities which come with the blessings of American citizenship. There will be practical training in the principles of Americanism, a re-consecration of our people to American idealism.

In California, in addition, thousands of trees will be planted under the auspices of American Legion posts, shading streets and highways and adding to the beauty of public parks and playgrounds— as "living memorials" to the framers of the Constitution.

The state-wide tree- planting program, according to the plans of Frank B. Williams of Sausalito, state chairman of the Legion's conservation and fire-prevention commission, will be undertaken during the week of March 7-14, California Conservation Week, with hundreds of Legion posts participating.

Trees will be purchased by the Legion posts, either from the State Tree Nursery at Davis, or from local nurseries, and each tree planted in observance of the Constitution sesquicentennial will be registered on the National Honor Roll of the American Tree Association at Washington.

"Conservation of our natural resources," declares Mr. Williams, "is one of the essentials of good citizenship and it is entirely fitting during our observance of the sesquicentennial of the framing of the Constitution, that we plant living memorials which will add to the beauty of California in the years to come.

"It was Theodore Roosevelt who said, 'A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as helpless; when you help to preserve our forests or plant new ones, you are acting the part of good citizens.' "

California Speaks

Dr. Merle E. Curti, research expert, San Marino—"Too much emphasis is placed on highbrow literature. To trace the intellectual trend of the American people, get down to earth; study the dime novel."

Vierling Kersey, State Sup't. Public Instruction—"The intellectual pursuits of the American people are notably of higher level than ever before!"

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Chester G. Hanson, L. A. newspaperman — "Lieutenant Governor Hatfield's ultimatum outlawing "skeleton" bills is causing some panic stricken legislators to do a little window dressing to make their bills respectable!"

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Obedience

PERHAPS there is no mental quality more necessary to the happiness, health, prosperity, peace of mind, and success of the human race than obedience. Harmony is the proof of obedience to God's law, while discord is the result of disobedience to His law. The happiest homes are those wherein the Golden Rule is obeyed, where the children are taught to be obedient through love, and where the elders set an example of obedience to divine Principle, God, good.

A little child who has been rightly taught to obey God, will obey his parents and his school teachers, and will have little trouble later in life in observing the rules or regulations of his college or university. This habit of obedience will be of inestimable value to him in his business career; and he will seldom be found disregarding the traffic laws or the civil laws of his city, state, or county.

In the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Mary Baker Eddy writes (p. 183): "Divine Mind rightly demands man's entire obedience, affection, and strength. No reservation is made for any lesser loyalty. Obedience to Truth gives man power and strength." If we observe closely, we shall find that the great and good characters in history, and all who have achieved true success, have been obedient to their highest sense of good, and have prospered; for, as the Bible declares (Isaiah 1:19), "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."

Humility and obedience go hand in hand. The latter often serves as a protection from subtle evils. An example of this is shown in the following incident. A little girl who from the cradle had been taught, through love, to obey her parents instantly, was romping with a dog in a field through which ran the main line of one of the transcontinental railroads. The father, who was on the opposite side of the track, called to her to come to him, which she started to do. Just as she was reaching the track, he suddenly discovered the fast approaching limited, which was hidden from her view by a building. There was no time for words, so he raised his right hand in a gesture to stop, which she obeyed instantly, without knowing the reason for the signal. The child's obedience saved her from being struck by the train. Her parents, who witnessed the incident, gave thanks to the Father of us all for His law of love.

The Scriptures are rich in promises of blessings to those obedient to the voice of God. Jeremiah records God as saying (7:23), "This thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you."

Habit tends to govern our acts. If we have formed habits of obedience to God's laws they lead us aright, while lawlessness leads to trouble. In "Miscellaneous Writings" Mrs. Eddy tells us (p. 117), "God is the fountain of light, and He illumines one's way when one is obedient."

Christ Jesus, our Way-shower, has set us an infallible example in his unswerving obedience to the Father's laws, and his positive refusal to accept as law that which enslaves men, namely, sin, sickness, and death. His adherence to God's law was also manifested in obedience to civil law, as, for instance, when he paid the tax or tribute money found in the fish's mouth. Realizing the need of being both humanly and spiritually law-abiding, he said (Mark 12:17), "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

It is vastly important for us to know what are the laws to which we are yielding obedience, for as Paul says, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" The children of Israel were commanded to partake of the manna which fell daily for their use, but when in disobedience they tried to store some, it spoiled. Many lessons are given to us in the Scriptures of the results of God's protection of the obedient, and also of the dire results which befell the disobedient. In "No and Yes" (p. 30) Mrs. Eddy writes, "God's law is in three words, 'I am All;' and this perfect law is ever present to rebuke any claim of another law."
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San Jose has been invited to participate in what is declared the most pretentious project of its nature ever undertaken on the Pacific Coast with the launching of the FHA-California Homes Million Dollar Home Building program.

First unit, it was announced, is to be immediate construction of 25 model homes in as many selected communities. All houses are to be built under government supervision and inspection, and will be eligible for financing under the FHA mortgage system.

"If expectations are fulfilled, this program will present a fashion parade of modern homes passing in review for the benefit of buyers and prospective home builders," declared Clifford C. Anglim, director of the Federal Housing Administration in the Northern California district.

"Each a modern home, there will be houses of every school of architectural design from ultra-conservative to ultra-modernistic, as well as streamline houses, and even an adobe.

"Practically all of the model homes will be completely furnished in keeping with their respective style of architecture. They will be open to public inspection four successive Sundays so that all may have an opportunity to inspect the modern trends in the creation of homes of tomorrow."

Local building contractors, architects and material dealers cooperating with the program will be the active participants in each locality. An extensive advertising and publicity campaign through local newspapers, magazines and radio was said to be in the course of preparation to feature the model homes and communities in which they are located.

The purpose of the program, according to announcement, is to stimulate interest and assist in the building of better small homes, and to provide constructive work for local building trades craftsmen. It was estimated that fulfillment of this one program will provide at least 300,000 man hours of employment and will create payrolls amounting to more than half a million dollars.

Irate Wife: "Night before last, you came home yesterday. Last night you came home today. If you come home tomorrow tonight, there's going to be trouble."

Golden Gate Bridge Stamp To Be Issued

A special Golden Gate Bridge and Redwood Empire stamp may be issued by the government if Postmaster James A. Farley acts on a request made by the Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta committee.

Supervisor Arthur M. Brown, Jr., general chairman of the Fiesta, announced today that Clyde Edmondson, general manager of the Redwood Empire Association, had been named chairman of a committett to seek to arrange for the issuance of the stamp in connection with the completion of the Golden Gate Bridge next May.

At the same time, Brown disclosed that an interesting cachet, commemorating the opening of the bridge to traffic, will be released in May.

The cachet will be affixed to covers within a few minutes after the bridge is formally opened and will be mailed either from a warship in the harbor or from the Presidio of San Francisco.

Previous Golden Gate Bridge cachets have been much in demand among stamp collectors, and it is anticipated that the last one will be equally popular. It will be produced under the direction of Supervisor Brown and Eric Cullenward, general manager.

Russian Ballet In San Jose Monday Next

The Monte Carlo Ballet Russe of Col. W. de Basil, which comes to the San Jose civic auditorium on Monday evening, February 1, is a spectacular combination of dance, music, theatre art, painting and the pictorial arts.

For the music lover there will be music of Tschaikowsky, Borodine and Chopin, played by a symphony orchestra of 25, directed by one of the two symphony conductors carried with the company, Efrem Kurtz and Tntol Dorati.

A native of Russia, Kurtz has had much of his career in other European countries. He left Russia originally to become conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic orchestra. He was also musical director of the Dresden opera, and has conducted at the Royal Covent Garden opera house in London. For several seasons he was musical director for Anna Pavlowa.

Antol Dorati is one of the most brilliatn of the younger conductors. He has led many famous orchestras abroad. In this country Kurtz and Dorati not only direct the Ballet Russe symphony orchestra, but have had the opportunity to conduct most of the important American symphony orchestras during the ballet seasons which have been held under their auspices.

The three ballets to be shown in the San Jose appearance of the Ballet Russe are "Les Sylphides," with music of Chopin's mazurkas, valse and preludes; "Aurora's Wedding," with music of Tschaikowsky's "Sleeping Princess," and "Prince Igor," with music of Borodine from the opera of that name.

Income Tax Ruling Given

Charleh J. McLolgan, franchise tax commissioner, has ruled that, for State income tax purposes, amounts deducted by employers from wages and salaries under the Social Securities Act and the Unemployment Reserves Act are not allowable deductions, and employees must report the full amount of their wages and salaries, including the amount deducted. Employers required to file information returns (form 599) must report the full amearned without deduction of the tax withheld. The net amount of taxes paid under the Social Security Act and the Unemployment Reserves Act by an employer engaged in carrying on a trade or business is an allowable deduction in determining taxable net Income.

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